(c) what steps have been taken to review the list of drugs used in eye preparations; and

(d) what is the basis in which commonly used effective drugs for Trachoma Control have been identified and who has done this identification?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) A Committee of experts was constituted to review the list of drugs which figures under Category-I of drug price control order, 1987. The Committee has submitted its report on 8-11-1988.

(d) Identification of the commonly used effective drugs for trachoma control has been done by experts on the basis of effectivity of the medicine is easy availability, and related safety.

Procurement of drugs from states for National Health Programme

542. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4203 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st Agust, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Laxamethasone, Betamethasone, Chloramphenical Pramycetin, Gentemycin, and Polymixin eye preparations are also purchased for National Health Programme directly or indirectly through states;

(b) if so, what were their purchases/procurement during the year 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(c) what were the purchases/procurement of Tetracycline and Hydrocortisone during the same period; and

(d) whether it is a fact that all the drugs used for National Health Programme have not been listed in Category-I and what steps have taken to board base Category-I list?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (d) Informtiaon is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Necessary drugs for National Health Programme

543. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer the answer to Unstarred Question 2662 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have drawn up a list of 60 drugs being considered necessary for National Health Programme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the list was given to the representative of Department of Chemicals and if so, the details thereof and when was it given.

(c) if so, what are the drugs in this list;

(d) whether it is a fact that all the programmes are not covered in the list; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (e) A list of 60 drugs was drawn up and sent to the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals on 4th June, 1987. The list is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 26].

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Review of drugs in category-I

544 SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2662 given